
County jail has new officers

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Sullivan County has a pair of new certified corrections officers working at the house of corrections in Unity.

Jonathan Holbrook and Gerald Moore were among the 24 county corrections officers who graduated from the 71st corrections academy on Dec. 29 in Concord.

More than 100 family, friends and fellow officers attended the swearing-in ceremony conducted by State Deputy Attorney General Orville Fitch.

"The jail is fully staffed," house of corrections Superintendent Scott Hagar said.

Officers attending the academy train more than 120 hours over a period of four weeks covering many topics related to corrections. All certified officers are then required to obtain a minimum of 30 hours of training each year to retain certification.

"The role and responsibilities of a county corrections officer has become more challenging and requires a significant body of knowledge," Hagar said. "The people in our care often have complex health issues such as a dual

diagnosis of mental health and substance abuse related issues."

Hagar said the house of corrections currently has only one job opening and that is as a qualified consultant with the community corrections division.

"We have a lot of good applicants," Hagar said. "It should be filled in the next week."

County corrections facilities are responsible for the care, custody and control of people in protective custody awaiting trial and for people sentenced to serve jail time of 12 months or less.